

differences which would broaden the scope of new Claims 39-93. The Abstract has also been amended to be in more proper format under United States practice.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-38 have been cancelled.

Claims 39-93 have been added.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

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[The object of the present invention is to provide a] A massaging apparatus in which a position of a specific portion such as a user's shoulder with respect to the massaging apparatus can be determined automatically and accurately in a simple construction. The massaging apparatus [according to the present invention comprises] includes a supporting arm [26] having a therapeutic member pivotally supported thereon and freely movable along the user's body[, wherein] The [the] position of the specific portion of the user with respect to the massaging apparatus is determined from the relation between the vertical position of the supporting arm [26] and the pivotal position of the supporting arm [26]. A pivotal movement detecting system [60 for detecting] detects that the supporting arm [26] reaches a prescribed range of pivotal movement is provided. The position of the specific portion of the user with respect to the massaging apparatus is determined from the position of the

supporting arm [26] at the moment when the pivotal movement of the supporting arm [26]
reaches the prescribed range.--

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